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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Eric Lecolier et al.  
Serial No.: to be assigned  
Filed: March 24, 2006  
For: OIL WELL CEMENTING SLURRY  
ATTN: Application Division

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 24, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.